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SUBJECT: NEXT MEETING OF ATLANTIC POLICY ADVISORY GROUP (APAG)

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1. ASYG KASTL, WHO SERVES AS CHAIRMAN OF APAG, HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SPRING MEETING OF APAG:

A. IT SHOULD TAKE PLACE AWAY FROM NATO HEADQUARTERS IN AN "UNSTRUCTURED" FORMAT. IN EFFORT TO PROD AN ALLY INTO OFFERING TO SERVE AS HOST FOR THIS MEETING, KASTL POINTED OUT THAT FRANCE HAS NOT DONE SO SINCE 1963, TURKEY SINCE 1965, PORTUGAL AND DENMARK SINCE 1966. HE NOTED THAT ALL OTHERS, INCLUDING ICELAND AND LUXENBOURG, HAVE SERVED AS HOST AT LEAST ONCE SINCE 1966.

B. AS FOR TOPIC, KASTL RECALLED THAT THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT IN THE COUNCIL LAST JULY (REFTEL) FOR, "THE PLACE OF JAPAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE." OTHER TOPICS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED ARE, "WORLD ENERGY SITUATION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO COUNTRIES," AND "EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR MEDITERRANEAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST."

2. KASTL SUGGESTED THAT SPC DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS AT SPC MEETING IN THE SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY.

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3. COMMENT: UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE WILL CONTINUE TO DRAW UPON STATE 140185. OF JULY 17.
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